GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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REHABILITATION OF TRIBALS IN NORTH EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that tribal groups in North-Eastern States are facing the problem of rehabilitation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a), (b) & (c): Because of ethnic violence in Kokrajhar, Bongaigaon and Dhubri districts of Assam during 1996 and 1998, some people from tribal communities of these areas were rendered homeless. During 1996-97 to 1989-99, Rs. 25.00 crores was released to Govt. of Assam for rehabilitation of such refugee families. A further amount of Rs. 35.29 crores was released to Govt. of Assam for this purpose during the period 2000-01 to 2004-05. These refugee families are also being provided Gratuitous Relief by the State Government which is reimbursed under the Scheme of Security Related Expenditure. In 1997, some Bru (Reang) tribals of Mizoram had migrated to Tripura due to attacks on them by Mizo villagers. Ministry of Home Affairs has been extending grants-in-aid to Govt. of Tripura for maintenance of Bru (Reang) refugees who are given shelter in relief camps in Tripura. During 2004-05, the Ministry of Home Affairs extended grants-in-aid of Rs. 11.00 crores to Govt. of Tripura for maintenance of Bru (Reang) refugees in Tripura.